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Arubans know how to enjoy even the worst of weather!



While some may bemoan the steady showers of the past weekend, particularly as the island was already thoroughly saturated from weeks of rain, there are those that saw it as an opportunity to indulge in a favorite sport without having to transport their equipment to the beach. Streets all over Aruba were completely filled with water from three days of unceasing downpour, with snarled traffic and stalled cars. If you were a windsurfer, this alternative mode of commuting became an option.

Not since 1999 has Aruba seen such a steady deluge. After Hurricane Lenny passed through the Caribbean, Aruba was inundated from early No-

vember of 1999 through February of 2000; the Sasaki Highway from The Mill to the Marriott was completely underwater and closed off for an entire month.

Sunday afternoon, December 5, the runoff system in Noord across from the Santa Ana Church, commonly referred to as a "dam," crested, sending tons of water down to Palm Beach, making the area inaccessible. The Palm Beach Road extending into Noord from the beach areas was open to traffic early the next morning.

Aruba's Department of Public Works, (DOW) was very busy at a number of important byways stemming the flood; by Monday morning a

degree of normalcy had returned as islanders began the work and school week. Traffic was slow but moving as clouds again began building on the horizon and showers again began drenching the island at around 8:30 a.m..

Stormy weather was predicted for yesterday, today and tomorrow, but current weather maps look somewhat clear with only slight patches of clouds, so Aruba will hopefully get a much needed respite from the days of constant downpour.

As pictured here in Matadera, one can see that when the sky rains lemons, islanders will make lemonade!

"Ta fin di Ana" –Sharon Rose launches new CD



The Holiday Season is here again and once more our local musicians and singers are producing CDs with merry songs to welcome Christmas.

This is also the case with our 'Primerisima,' Sharon Rose. She is presenting her new CD: 'Ta Fin di Ana, Vol II.'

The CD is has four gospel songs, the other songs are to hail the holiday season and there is even one song that can be listened to all year long.

The songs are:

1. Aguinaldo Arubiano – A well known traditional song adapted to Papiamentu by Lurena Schwengle, who captured the essence of the song that enhanced Aruba and its heart warming people

in a beautiful way.

2. Nos Ta Bendiciona – Lyrics and music by Gos Oduber. Gos is an inspiration; he always causes impact with his lyrics and music. A good choice as it promotes Sharon Rose's religious views. We are sure that the song will please everyone as it is dedicated to Jesus.

3. Navidad na Aruba – Lyric and music by Carlos Hart r.i.p. / Frank Croes

On Aruba we have many songs that makes us emotional during the holdiyda season, and this song definitely is one of them. It highlights the Christmas feelings, especially when remembering friends and family members.

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Enseñansa pa Empleo (the educate to become employed program) gets revisited

ORANJESTAD -- After two years of inactivity, Minister Otmar Oduber, decided to revisit the EPE and commission it to restart their offerings of courses the soonest possible. It was then that former director of the EPE program, Mr. Harold Tromp, began a selection of courses which began in March of this year. In the month of August the program went full swing

with a total package of course offerings, with an amazing response for these courses by the community at large.

To date, there are 28 course offerings with an enrollment of over 1400 participants. The courses which began in March are nearing completion sometime this month. The large en-



rollment says, Oduber, is indicative of the need for people to re-educate themselves for other jobs and occupations in life.

The EPE project began back in 1988, shortly after the closure of the oil refinery (Lago), as a project to help those who lost their jobs in the refinery to re-educate themselves and prepare for other types of employment. Then Prime-Minister Henny Eman and Minister of Education Mito Croes were the brainchildren of this EPE program. The first offerings of the program were courses in Bartending, Waiter Courses, Pipefitting, Cement Plastering, and Carpentry. People enrolled with the intention of training for new skills so as to be employed again in other areas of expertise.

Subsequently, other courses were added based on the needs assessment of the community. So doing, EPE began offering Computer courses, Bookkeeping, and Language courses. Enrollment continued to increase and its popularity grew.

For the many foreign help who came to reinforce the local labor market, courses in Papiamentu were added to

teach the many expatriates our local language.

During the past Administration, the EPE received no attention from the government.

However, soon after assuming his post as Minister, Otmar Oduber revisited EPE and the situation changed immediately. New courses were introduced, such as English for Beginners, Papiamentu for Beginner, Bartending, Waiters Courses, and Bookkeeping for Beginners. Now there are 1409 persons enrolled in numerous course offerings.

In the new year EPE will continue with its present course offerings and add several other courses. One course, suggested by Oduber, will be a Certificate Program, which will be designed to certify specifically those employed in the tourism sector. Courses will also be directed to inmates in the prison to help prepare them for reintegration and jobs after their incarceration.

The minister indicated that he remains committed to supporting the EPE and is convinced that this program is a necessity and definitely contributes to the development of our people and community in general.

Minister of Tourism holds important meetings in the Netherlands

ORANJESTAD -- A series of vital meetings were scheduled to be held in Holland this past weekend for Minister of Tourism and Labor, Otmar Oduber.

The minister had planned since November to return to the Netherlands to meet with top officials of KLM; however, other commitments here at home, caused this encounter to be postponed.

He has now scheduled a meeting this week with KLM to discuss Aruba's actual and future relationship with the KLM Dutch airline.

Oduber also has Dutch

Minister Melanie Schultz on his agenda this week, as well as a meeting with the management of Schiphol and the TUI group, one of Europe's most formidable tourism operators.

Obviously, he will include the Aruba Tourism Office in the Netherlands on his agenda to address the various items of importance with respect to Aruba's tourism; particularly in view of the new status that the ATA is to assume within just one month.

According to schedule, the Minister is due back in Aruba on December 9th.

Brother slams 'false' claims on Versace mafia link

ROME, Italy (AFP) - Gianni Versace's brother yesterday dismissed as "false" claims made by two mafia turncoats in a new book published earlier this month that the murdered Italian fashion legend was linked to organised crime.

"It's absolutely all false," Santo Versace has said in a televised interview broadcast yesterday, a statement said.

"The Gianni Versace company has never laundered dirty money or trafficked drugs. Everyone knows this," he is quoted as saying.

Santo Versace is the chairman of the Gianni Versace group.

The two mafia turncoats alleged in the book of interviews that Gianni Versace, a native of the Calabria region in southern Italy that is a bastion for the 'Ndrangheta organised crime syndicate, had links to the mafia group.

Versace, who was shot dead by a serial killer outside his Miami Beach mansion in 1997, was never investigated or charged with mafia association.

He began designing with his dressmaker mother and went on to create an international fashion empire including perfumes, accessories and clothes.

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4 Steps To Solving Any Problem

In yesterday's article I presented two of the 4 steps to solving any problem. Because of space constraints I had to limit that article to only two of the 4 steps. Today, I wish to give you the other two steps. The first two steps are: Change the meaning you associate to 'problems.'...they must be seen and treated as opportunities, and challenges.

Secondly, you must get excited when you face a problem. Excited, because you're about to learn a monumentally useful lesson.

You see, problems often show up simply because you're alive, and because there's a life lesson you haven't learned yet. Problems are a lesson begging to be learned, from which you can grow and expand.

Whenever you come up against a problem, a challenge, you are forced to do some self-examination, and find new understandings and insights which help you grow and expand in your understanding of life in general.

The third step to solving any problem is: Know what you want- know your outcome!

To have a clear and explicit vision of what you want and what you want to happen from this problem is essential for solving the problem. Jot down on paper somewhere how you want things to turn out. Say, you have a money problem. Then, write down, for example, by December 29th, I want to have the money needed for this bill, and I am going to do thus and so to achieve that! Set a realistic goal for solving the problem! Whenever you write down a goal, you are sending a clear order to your brain that "this is what I want" and you and your brain needs to get to work in accomplishing that goal!

Most of us, don't take the time to spell out our goals, we only vaguely think them. After the brief thought about our goals, we lay them down, stored in our "mental hard drive" and then forget them. When they do come up at some later time, we have difficulty in locating the 'file' in which we stored them. Then, we are too lazy to search for them, so we let them go!

The Fourth step to solving any problem is: Change the questions you ask yourself

about your problem! We often ask questions like: why is this happening to me? What did I do to deserve this? What am I being punished for? How come I can't turn this around? Don't ask those questions, they are detrimental to the solution of the problem. They usually have no correct answer and they don't contribute in the least to making the situation any better. Instead, ask yourself: How can I turn this around quickly and effectively and have fun in the process? What is the lesson I can learn from this? What is the potential opportunity for me in this? Will this problem even matter 10 years from now?

You see, the questions you ask yourself will determine the way you will feel and the quality of solution you come up with! Let me hasten to say, that if you haven't solved a problem yet, it is probably because you haven't asked the right question yet!

You can also trust God for a solution to your problem. He knows us all so well and knows exactly what we need, and out of His great love for us is eager to meet our every need if we but trust.

Three Dutch locations on US national security list

WASHINGTON -- Three places in the Netherlands appear on a list of US locations considered to be 'essential for national security' according to documents released by Wikileaks.

The first location is the oo Beverwijk, the end destina-

tion for an undersea telecommunications cable between the US and the Netherlands, Germany and Britain.

Second is the seaside town of Katwijk where another undersea communications cable meets mainland Europe.

Third on the list is the port

of Rotterdam, which is one of the biggest ports in the world. No details about the Rotterdam interests are given.

The US State Department asked US missions abroad to list installations whose loss could critically affect US national security in February

WikiLeaks founder to meet British police

LONDON, England (AFP) -- WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was yesterday arranging to meet with British police, his lawyer said, as the net tightened around the man behind the release of a hoard of secret US diplomatic cables.

Swedish authorities want to quiz the elusive 39-year-old Australian -- whose website is in the process of releasing tens of thousands of US cables -- on suspicion of crimes including rape.

Assange's lawyer, Mark Stephens, said British police

had telephoned him to say they have received an extradition request from Sweden.

Stephens told AFP the meeting would be with British police and would take place in Britain -- although he refused to confirm widespread rumours that Assange was already in the country.

The news came after a court in Stockholm issued an arrest warrant for Assange on November 18 for questioning on suspicion of "rape, sexual molestation and unlawful coercion" in Sweden in August.

Assange has denied the

charges and Stephens said Sunday that the pursuit of his client had "political motivations".

Earlier yesterday, Swiss authorities shut down one of Assange's bank accounts with the Swiss Post Office's banking arm saying he had provided false information in his application.

WikiLeaks had advertised the PostFinance account details online to "donate directly to the Julian Assange and other WikiLeaks Staff Defence Fund," giving an account name of "Assange Julian Paul, Geneve."

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"Ta fin di Ana" --Sharon Rose launches new CD

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4. Aguinaldo Medley -- Traditional songs.

The Aguinaldo group Las Palmeras is the primary reason why Sharon chose to make this CD. At the age of 8 she started singing with this group. This medley is nostalgic. Las Palmeras, under the direction of Elmita Luidens, use to give presentations all over Aruba in the years 60; they even won the title of the best Aguinaldo group during an event held in 1963 at the then Commandeursbaai Club.

5. Sinti bo Serca -- Lyrics and music by Melodia Lurena Schwengle

This song is dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ. The song is a prayer that inspires you to want to say a new prayer to Jesus every day. The music is pure Gaita, a napa (gift) on the CD. May God bless Lurena and continue to inspire her to play her magic on the whole community of Aruba.

6. Ta bo mes -- Lyric and music by Boy Dap

End of the year is a season to spend with the family and there is nothing more delightful than to dance on the rhythm of music we all know. This is a song that can be played the whole year thru and is very entertaining at family parties

7. Señor mi ke ta manera Bo -- Adapted to Papiamento by Ernst Keke Willems

Although it is impossible for us to be like Jesus Christ, still we pray every day to him for guidance and strength to become better persons. Just a few words but with a profound significance. The song is already played all over Curacao.

8. Ata mi serca Bo -- Adapted to Papiamento by Junaída Ferrero

Jesus Christ is pleased when every day we say a new prayer to him This is a song dedicated to Him. Jesus Christ, I want to be always near you, here I am, close to you. AMEN

9. Cancion di ñapa - Sinti Bo Serca -- Acoustic Gaita, like it was in yesteryears.

This song will take you back to the beautiful times of past. Lyrics and music by Lurena Schwengle.

And, we must not forget the musician who gives the CD a Lively touch. Without them this was not possible. With much pride we give credit to Raul Piar: Piano, arrangement programming and recording; Irving Vis: Tambora, Furruco, Conga, mixing and materializing; Jefferson Gomez: Wiri, Campana, Raspa and Timbal; Everick Rincons: Cuarta; Aldwin; Base; Vivienne Gomez, Judiska Vis and CInessa Kock: backup singers; and last but not, Solid Sound HD Recording Studio: Recording, Mixing and materialization.

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Sam's End of Year Campaign is on; great prizes for you and a loved one!

Sam's by Manolo, Aruba's premiere shop for quality electronics and all the tech toys you and your family want most this coming Christmas, announces their end of year campaign, "Win Together with Sam's," along with their proud sponsorship of Aruba's Special Olympics.

Every purchase at Sam's, no matter how small, will earn

customers a raffle ticket which they can fill in with their name, and that of a family member or good friend who will also receive one of the fantastic prizes from the weekly drawing to take place until the end of the campaign.

There will be a daily drawing for a beautiful digital picture frame, the ideal means to display your photographic



Sam's and special athletes make a super combination

wizardry with today's method of capturing moments. Each Monday evening, Sam's will also conduct a drawing for some of the most sought after gadgets on today's market.

Every Monday, a lucky winner and their friend has a chance to win one of these valuable items: an Acer Inspire Netbook, Blackberry Torch, Pentax X90 DSLR camera, an iPod Touch, or a Nintendo Wii. Those whose names are not pulled out during the daily and

weekly drawings will still be eligible to win the grand prize: an LCD television; only one television will be awarded.

Drawing the winners will be members of Aruba's Special Olympics team, each a medal winner at international games. Sam's owner, Manoj, proudly encourages the community to support their special athletes in their fundraising efforts to send a delegation to the 2011 World Special Olympics in Athens, Greece from June 25

to July 4. Three times since the Special Olympics was founded on Aruba a delegation has participated in the world games, and each time they have come home with the gold, silver and bronze. 14 athletes participating in five sport disciplines at the Shanghai games in 2007 returned to Aruba with 5 gold, 4 silver and 14 bronze medals in Track and Field, Table Tennis, Bowling, Swimming and Badminton.

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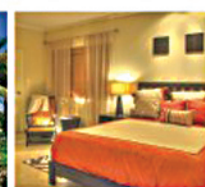
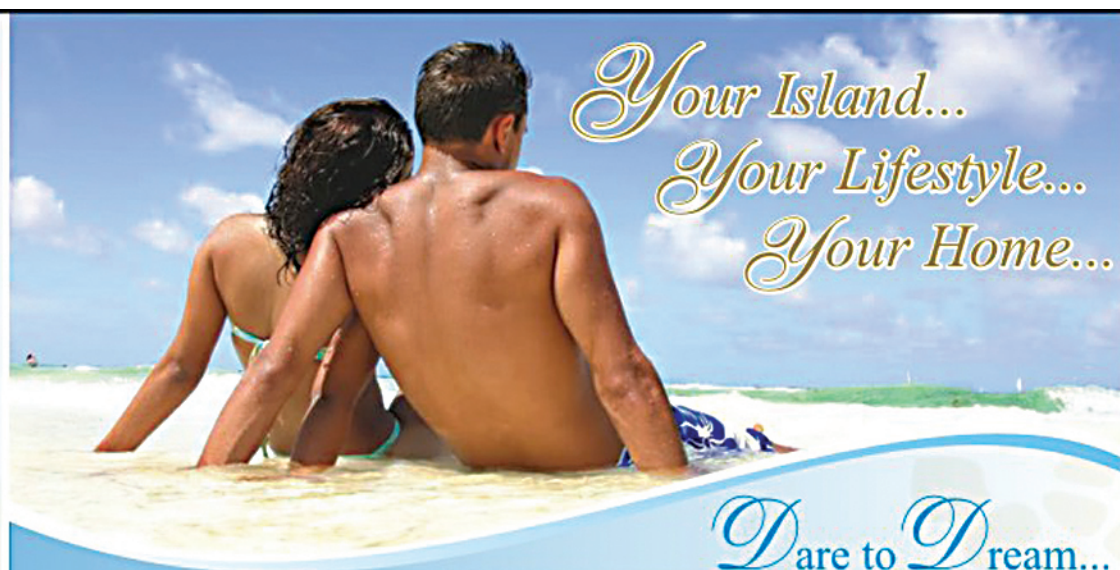


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Manolo and all the staff and Sam's want to be the first to say "Go Go for the Gold in Greece!" to Aruba's special athletes and all who will join him in cheering them on during the games in and follow-

ing the results on the great prizes they are offering during their end of year campaign.

"It is always our practice to support one of the foundations that work for our community during the holiday season,"

commented Manoj, "We are very pleased this year to have the participation of Aruba's special athletes. We believe that together we can win- in Greece, and at Sam's!"

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Internet addresses to be used up in January: expert

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) – The reserve of available Internet addresses will be used up around the world in January, warned experts based here.

Internet addresses are distributed by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, which provides them to five regional organizations around the world.

"The pool of central addresses will be used up in January," said Ernesto Majo, communications director for the Registry of Internet addresses for Latin America and the Caribbean, a Montevideo-based non-profit organization.

"This week four blocks of

iPad makes it to Brazil, at eye-watering prices

SAO PAULO (AFP) – Apple's iPad went on sale in Brazil from this past week, with customers lining up at stores to get their hands on the tablet computer whose entry into Latin America's biggest market faced pricing and other challenges.

Brazilians were being asked to fork over between 970 dollars for the cheapest version (a 16GB Wi-Fi model) up to 1,530 dollars for the top-of-the-line 32GB Wi-Fi-plus-3G model.

Those prices were nearly twice the amount US customers were paying, due to Brazil's 100-percent tariffs on

Internet addresses have been used up," Majo told AFP Friday. "We are left with only five, and it has been decided that they will be distributed to each of the regional Internet registries."

But Majo said the situation was "not serious" because a new Internet protocol will allow the production of billions more Internet addresses.

The currently used Internet Protocol version 4 (IPv4) manages about four billion addresses and has reached its limit, experts said.

But an alternative protocol -- IPv6 -- will allow to register and service billions new addresses.

imported electronics imposed to protect the domestic industry.

The trendy computing device also ran into a problem with its name.

The word "iPad" had already been registered in Brazil to denote a South Korean-made defibrillator that has been used to restart patients' hearts in Brazilian hospitals for the past three years.

A brewing legal tussle between that medical unit's maker, CU Medical Systems Inc., appeared to have been settled to allow Apple's tablet to finally hit Brazilian shelves.

Facebook rolling out changes to profile pages

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Facebook began rolling out changes to member profiles on Sunday adding a new snapshot of biographical information at the top of the page and a bar of photos in which a user has been "tagged."

The new profile pages should be available to all of Facebook's more than 500 million users by early next

year, Josh Wiseman, a Facebook engineer, said in a post on the Facebook blog.

Wiseman said the changes are designed to make it easier for a user to "tell your story and learn about your friends."

At the top of the new profile is a bio section highlighting where a member is from, where they went to school, their relationship status, where they work and other

Changing climate altering age-old habits in Mexico

TABI, Mexico (AFP) – Members of the Mayan community of Tabi, around 200 (120 miles) kilometers southwest of Cancun on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, say changes in the weather are forcing them to change their lives.

The dusty streets and modest homes of the community of some 400 people do not suggest wealth, but the land's bounty of corn, squash, beans and fruit made it a perfect place to raise a family.

That has changed since Eunice Be Chuc moved here, 28 years ago.

These days rain is increasingly unpredictable in a region where the wet season has come like clockwork since the times of the ancient Maya.

Now drought, floods and hurricanes alternate -- extreme conditions that devastate crops.

"Even if you plant crops, the soil only gets drier with all the sun and if there is no water, how do we water it? So even if we are doing our part, if the soil doesn't produce, what else can we do?" Be Chuc told AFP, looking across a parched field.

Corn is to Mexico what rice and bread are to much of the rest of the world.

The tortilla is a staple, and without it, many would go hungry, in a country where

personal information.

Directly underneath is a bar of pictures in which a member has been recently "tagged" by their Facebook friends.

Facebook members can also highlight their most important friends on the page, create new groups of friends or share activities and interests such as favorite musicians and sports teams.



A boy sells handicrafts near the Kukulkan temple, a step pyramid dominating Chichen Itza archaeological site. (AFP)

around 40 percent live in poverty.

But agricultural officials say climate change and poor farming practices have cut Mexico's corn yields up to 60 percent over the past 15 years.

Last year, Mexico suffered the worst drought in 60 years; this year it saw record flooding in parts of the country.

"When it doesn't rain, the entire crop is lost. When it does rain, the entire crop grows," said community leader and farmer Saulo Chuc Moo.

Locals are beginning to adapt in order to survive -- turning away from old slash and burn techniques that left fields barren after just a few seasons.

Now they clear rocks and other debris from the soil and mix in organic fertilizer to create sustainable fields.

Anti-poverty campaigners say rural communities around the world are feeling the same strain -- and being forced to adapt.

"There are only a few issues that have been consistently increasing in awareness for the past few years and one of them is climate change," said Antonio Hill, from Oxfam.

"And among others, part of the reason is ... the fact that around the world people are convinced that something is

changing."

Farmers in Tabi struggle to keep up with the pace of that change, seeking alternatives to feed their families, such as apiculture and selling firewood, while women are doing crafts to earn extra money.

They receive some government help to finance new agriculture techniques, but last year's severe droughts, which destroyed their harvests, led to big protests in the region, and calls for more aid.

"Many people are leaving to find other places to work, many go to the hotel zone, where they become slaves for others," said local resident Eunice Be Chuc, referring to the massive tourist developments along the coast, such as Cancun.

As negotiators from more than 190 countries arrived at the Caribbean resort Sunday for a final week of UN-backed climate talks, Tabi residents looked to global leaders to bring help to keep their crops growing.

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British scientists find key to repairing damage caused by MS

LONDON (AFP) - British researchers said Monday they may have found a way to reverse damage in the central nervous system caused by multiple sclerosis, in a study hailed by campaigners as a major breakthrough.

The study by scientists at the universities of Cambridge and Edinburgh has raised hopes of a new treatment within 15 years for the disabling neurological condition, which affects millions of people worldwide.

The team identified a mechanism essential to regenerating myelin sheaths -- the layers of insulation that protect nerve fibres in the brain -- and showed how it could be used to make the brain's own stem cells undertake this repair.

The loss of myelin in MS sufferers leads to damage to the nerve fibres in the brain that send messages to other parts of the body, leading to symptoms ranging from mild numbness to crippling paralysis.

"Therapies that repair damage are the missing link in treating multiple sclerosis," said Professor Robin Franklin, director of the MS Society's Cambridge Centre for Myelin Repair at the University of Cambridge.

"In this study we have identified a means by which the brain's own stem cells can be encouraged to undertake this repair, opening up the possibility of a new regenerative medicine for this devastating disease."

Britain's MS Society, which part funded the research along with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in the United States, hailed the study and said it could lead to clinical trials within five years and treatment within 15 years.

"For people with MS this is one of the most exciting developments in recent years," said chief executive Simon Gillespie.

"It's hard to put into words how revolutionary this discovery could be and how crit-

ical it is to continue research into MS."

The research, published in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*, identified a specific type of molecule called RXR-gamma, which appears to be important in promoting myelin repair.

The team found that stimulating RXR-gamma in rats encouraged the brain's own stem cells to regenerate

Long nails, sexy or risky???



Long nails on women are considered sexy by many people, but there is caution. According to a study done by Shelly McNeil, M.D., an infectious-disease specialist at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, nails

longer than three centimeters (just a bit over one inch) are five times more likely than trimmed nails to carry the pesky pathogens that cause staph and yeast infections.

To be on the safe side, Dr. McNeil warns that you need to be diligent about washing your hands (especially after contact with such germ-prone items as doorknobs, public toilets and gym equipment).

Note: Acrylics and other falsies can carry more harmful bacteria and are more difficult to disinfect.

TIP: Spread Cheer, Not Germs, at Holiday Gatherings



You're likely looking forward to spending plenty of time with family and friends over the holidays, but you should take steps to ensure you and everyone else avoids getting the flu, advises an expert at Ryerson University in Toronto.

Here are some tips:

- * Use air kisses instead of the real thing.
- * Wash your hands often and carry hand sanitizer with you.
- * Don't use your fingers when eating food at parties. Use serving spoons or forks. As a party host, make sure there are plenty of serv-

ing utensils.

* Cough or sneeze into your sleeve in order to avoid spreading germs to people around you.

* If you are at a religious service, try to keep your distance (three to six feet) from other people and don't share the wine goblet. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, greet others with a wave or an elbow greeting.

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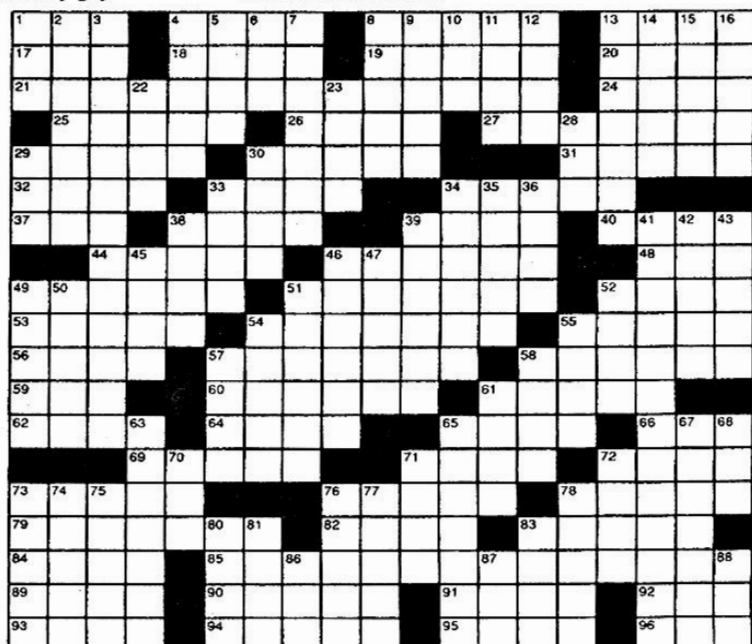
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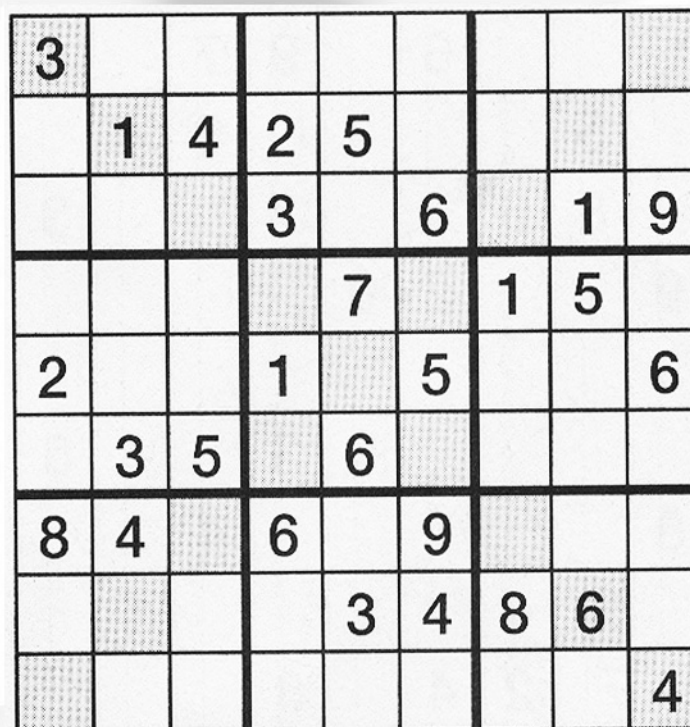
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(AFP PHOTO)



World oil prices surged yesterday to a new two-year peak, propelled by a raft of positive investor sentiment after the US Federal Reserve signalled more monetary easing could be on the way. In morning London deals, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in January soared to 92.03 dollars per barrel, which was the best level since October 2008. It later stood at 91.41, down one cent from Friday's closing level.



Photo shows a woman walking across the bridge in the evening rush hours in the northern German town of Neubrandenburg. The German jobs motor is turbo-charged these days but stark regional differences point up the potential and pitfalls in Europe's biggest economy. German Chancellor Angela Merkel rebuffed calls yesterday for a bigger euro zone financial safety net or joint euro bonds, as finance ministers appeared split on how to stem the 16-nation currency area's debt crisis.

(AFP PHOTO)

Report: VW to hire 50,000 workers worldwide

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) – Volkswagen, the biggest European carmaker, said yesterday in a newspaper that it would hire around 50,000 workers worldwide in the medium-term, including 5,000-6,000 in Germany by 2015.

"We have around 400,000 workers around the world today. With pursued growth in many markets, we could reach a staff of 450,000 in the medium term," VW personnel director Horst Neumann told the German financial daily Handelsblatt.

"In addition, we will have to replace 60,000 workers in the next five years," Neumann said as VW negotiates a major work contract with German unions.

The automaker will create "5,000-6,000" jobs in Germany by 2015, the VW execu-



tive said, and expected to rely less on temporary workers.

VW is in talks with the IG Metall trade union, which plans to call for pay raises after accepting sacrifices when auto markets slumped in 2009 to ensure job security for its members.

German auto manufacturers are now working hard to meet renewed demand around the world and especially in China, have terminated emergency part-time work and have shortened the 2010 Christmas break to maintain production during the holidays.

Google opens e-book store

SAN FRANCISCO, California (AFP) – Internet giant Google opened an online electronic bookstore yesterday in a heavyweight entry into a booming market long dominated by Kindle-maker Amazon.

Google eBookstore was being rolled out in the United States featuring the Mountain View, California-based company's massive library of digitized works online at books.google.com.

"We believe it will be the world's largest e-books library," said Google spokeswoman Jeannie Hornung. "Including the free books, there are more than three million."

Hundreds of thousands of digital books will be for sale in the eBookstore, which Google said will expand internationally next year.

Google e-books will be kept online in the Internet "cloud" and be available for reading from any Web-linked computer or using free applications on mobile gadgets such as smartphones running Apple software or Google's Android.

People will be able to "sideload" books equipped with anti-piracy software on to dedicated reading devices



made by Sony and other firms, Hornung said.

Amazon's Kindle was not on the list of Google-friendly e-readers.

Google believes that most people will prefer to log in and read their books online from whichever gadget is most convenient at a given moment, in a manner similar to the way people check Web-based Gmail accounts.

Powell's, online book shop Alibris and the American Booksellers Association are among launch-day partners that will also sell Google digital books.

Titles sold at the eBookstore will range from hot new works such as those featured on The New York Times best-seller lists to technical books with "image support" for graphics on virtual pages.

Google eBookstore prices will be "competitive" with

the cheapest being free works already available in the firm's online library.

Google has 4,000 publisher partners, with revenue from sales split based on individually negotiated deals.

Google has digitized more than 15 million books from more than 100 countries and in more than 400 languages since its Google Books project launched in 2004.

Google is still awaiting a ruling by a US federal judge pondering the fate of a legal agreement with US authors and publishers that would clear the way for Google Books, a separate project from the Google eBookstore.

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French mother and son on trial for 'revenge' bank robberies

METZ, France (AFP) - A French shopowner mother and her alleged accomplice son went on trial yesterday for carrying out five bank robberies to "get revenge on the state." Law graduate Fabienne Levy, 51, and her son Jeremie, 21, are charged with stealing around 175,000 euros from two banks in Germany and three others in France in 2006 and 2007.

Jeremie, who was a minor at the time, is accused of driving his mother to three of the banks and faces a 10-year jail sentence. His mother could be jailed for 20 years.

Levy told the court in the northeastern city of Metz that she arrived at the banks wearing a wig and sunglasses, brandishing a capsule-firing pepper gun and speaking German. "I was never violent, I said 'hello' when I arrived," Levy told the court. She said at the time of her arrest that she had a "hatred

of the justice system" after doing time in 2005 because of involvement in a car theft carried out by her then-husband.

"She felt the bank represented a system that was comparable to the state, which crushes the most disadvantaged," police investigating the case said.

Levy shop went bankrupt in the early 2000s.

Ahead of the trial, she told a local radio station that she wanted to "get her own back on society, to get revenge on the system" and that she had no regrets.

"When I was a shopowner, the bankers rolled out the red carpet for me... When the difficulties began, they treated me like less than nothing," she said.

Levy is described as having a very close relationship-mother and son have not been detained during the trial.

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Spanish animal rights activists stage naked protest



BARCELONA, Spain (AFP) - About 50 animal rights activists staged a naked protest Sunday at a square in Spain's northeastern city of Barcelona to denounce the torture and slaying of animals to make fur coats. Representing the number of animals that it takes to make a fur coat, the men and women, covered in red paint that resembled blood, lay down and curled up on top of

one another at Sant Jaume in the historic centre of the city.

"How many lives just for a coat?" read a black and white sign held by a young woman.

Animals need their fur, we don't," said Leticia Olivares, a spokeswoman for international animal rights group - which staged the demonstration.

Millions of foxes, minks, otters, beavers, lynxes and other species are raised in captivity in small cages or captured and then killed in brutal ways such as drowning or electrocution to make fur coats, according to the group.

Spain along with Greece, Germany and Italy are key manufacturers of fur garments, according to the group.

In Spain fur farms are mainly in the north of the country while the fur clothing industry is found mostly in the region of Catalonia where Barcelona is located.

Billionaire L'Oreal heiress reconciled with daughter

PARIS, France (AFP) - Billionaire L'Oreal heiress Liliane Bettencourt has reconciled with her daughter Francoise Bettencourt-Meyers, they announced yesterday, ending a legal wrangle that endangered France's biggest fortune.

Bettencourt-Meyers had been seeking to have her 88-year-old mother declared mentally unfit to manage the estimated 17-billion-euro fortune and had sued a society photographer, accusing him of exploiting his ties to the family.

But on Monday the feuding relatives issued a joint statement which said they had come to a "private agreement" to end all ongoing court cases.

"The decision that Francoise and I have taken offers me hope. It meets my wish to see the family united. We can now embrace the future together," the elderly shampoo and cosmetics heiress said, according to the statement.

In the same statement, the daughter Bettencourt-Meyers added: "This agreement allows us at last to bring back the family peace shared as much by my husband and my children as by my mother.

"I was also longing for such an end for the entire L'Oreal Company that is carrying on its fabulous story and that is so dear to me."

The daughter's lawyer Olivier Metzner told AFP:

"Liliane and Francoise, as they had hoped, have reconciled and agreed to put an end to all disputes.

"They are overjoyed to be together again, even if it took three years of judicial disagreements to get to this happy ending," he said, confirming that Francoise had dropped her case against photographer Francois-Marie Banier.

Bettencourt broke with former companion Banier, 25 years her junior, earlier this year, cutting him out of her will and depriving him of an estimated 1.25 billion euros.

The daughter had accused Banier, 63, of exploiting her mother's vulnerability to prise almost a billion euros worth of gifts out of her -- including a private Seychelles island -- and to get himself written into her will.

Bettencourt senior has always insisted she remained mentally capable.

The case has also taken a political twist, after a butler il-



Francoise Bettencourt-Meyers

legally taped Bettencourt talking to her financial manager and leaked a recording to the press which suggested that she had made illegal campaign donations.

Separate investigations have been launched into this side of the scandal, and both President Nicolas Sarkozy and his former campaign treasurer and labour minister Eric Woerth have been forced to deny wrongdoing.

The investigation into the alleged illegal campaign donation will continue.

Berlin film fest invites Iranian ex-detainee to join jury

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) - The Berlin Film Festival said Monday it had invited outspoken Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi, on bail after three months in a Tehran jail, to serve on its jury in February.

"We hope Jafar Panahi will be able to attend the festival and perform this important task on the international jury of the 61st Berlinale," the event's director Dieter Kosslick said in a statement.

Panahi, 50, went on a hunger strike to protest the conditions of his detention after his March 1 arrest and was released from Tehran's Evin prison on May 25 after posting bail of two billion rials (around 200,000 dollars).

A vocal backer of Iran's opposition movement, Panahi was arrested at his home along with 16 other people, including his wife and daughter. Most



Jafar Panahi

were subsequently released.

But Culture Minister Mohammad Hosseini said in April that he was detained for making an "anti-regime" film about the unrest that rocked Iran after last year's disputed re-election of hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In February the Iranian authorities banned Panahi from leaving the country to attend

the Berlin Film Festival.

Cannes then invited Panahi to join its own jury in May.

Headed by "Alice in Wonderland" director Tim Burton, the panel called for his release and left a seat symbolically empty for him on stage at the festival's red-carpet gala opening.

Panahi is known for his gritty, socially critical movies such as "The Circle", which captured the 2000 Venice Golden Lion award, "Crimson Gold" and "Offside", winner of the 2006 Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival.

Italian-American actress and director Isabella Rossellini will chair the international jury at the Berlin Film Festival, one of Europe's top cinema showcases, from February 10 to 20.

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Barcelona trio on shortlist for FIFA award



L to R: Iniesta, Xavi, Messi

PARIS (AFP) - Three Barcelona players -- Andres Iniesta, Xavi and Lionel Messi -- have been short-listed for the FIFA Ballon d'Or award for 2010.

Iniesta and Xavi played for Spain's victorious World Cup team, while Messi played for Argentina in South Africa.

The winner will be announced in Zurich on January 10.

Last year the trophy went to Messi for his outstanding play at Barcelona.

World governing body FIFA released a first shortlist of 23 players in October 26 with seven members of Spain's World Cup winning squad in the running for the prestigious Player of the Year award.

The revamped award is a combination of the FIFA World Player of the Year award and the France Foot-

ball Ballon d'Or trophy, which have been run separately until now.

Italian sports daily Gazzetta Dello Sport reported in its Sunday edition that the award would go to Iniesta, who scored the winning goal in the World Cup final against the Netherlands in July.

Iniesta said that whichever of the three landed the award it would be great news for Barca.

"It would be a marvellous reward for the club. I am proud to be one of the three Ballon d'Or finalists, but all the more so to be alongside Xavi and Leo (Messi)," Iniesta said on his Facebook page.

It is only the third time that there has been a shortlist of players from the same club. In 1988 and 1989, AC Milan's Marco Van Basten won on both occasions with

clubmate Ruud Gullit second in 1988 and Franco Baresi runner-up the following year while Frank Rijkaard was third on both occasions.

Dutch playmaker Wesley Sneijder had been considered a strong candidate for this year's award, but he failed to make the shortlist.

Javier Zanetti, Sneijder's Inter Milan team-mate and captain, expressed his anger at Sneijder's snub and said he was also annoyed that Inter striker Diego Milito, last season's top scorer, was overlooked for the original list of 23.

"It's absurd. Wesley's a fantastic player and if we won the treble (of league, cup and Champions League) last season, it was also thanks to him," said the Argentine.

"But for me it's even more serious that Diego Milito wasn't even considered amongst the candidates."

Tevez dismisses talk of Mancini 'rift'

MANCHESTER (AFP) - Carlos Tevez has insisted all is well between himself and Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini, saying the situation at Eastlands is no different from other clubs.

City captain Tevez reacted angrily, and appeared to argue with his Italian boss, after he was substituted late on having scored the only goal in the 1-0 Premier

League win at home to Bolton on Saturday.

The big-spenders may be fourth in the table, just three points behind leaders Arsenal, but the Tevez-Mancini row did little to suggest all was well at Eastlands, coming as it did a day after Jerome Boateng and Mario Balotelli had to be pulled apart at training.

"It is just like any club,"

Argentina striker Tevez, who has scored 10 goals so far this season, told City's website.

"There are both good and bad vibes alike.

"The most important thing is that, as players, we are all pulling in the same direction and trying to do our best for the club.

"I'm happy here. I really am.

"Anything that goes on between us (Tevez and Mancini) off the pitch or in the dressing room stays there and he and I keep on fighting for the club.

"In any dressing room, you are going to have the odd problem, just like within any household.

"It's just the same. We are part of a family. Sometimes you get problems and sometimes you don't.

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S.Africa World Cup visitors spend 521 million dollars

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - More than 309,000 visitors came to South Africa to watch the soccer World Cup, spending 521 million dollars (392 million euros), Tourism Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk said on Monday.

"The overall average spend per tourist was 11,800 rands (1,710 dollars)," he told reporters as he read results from a survey on the financial impact of the football extravaganza which ended on July 11.

The figure was well above the annual average tourist spend in South Africa in 2008

(8,400 rands) and 2009 (9,500 rands), according to Van Schalkwyk who said the sums excluded flights, pre-paid package deals and match tickets.

However, the money spent was only one tenth of the five billion dollars South Africa poured into the continent's first World Cup, in which the nation largely overcame fears about crime and poor transport.

"The World Cup was never about the hosting of a tournament but rather about building a legacy for our country and our continent," the minister said.

Klitschko aims low blow at Chisora

MANNHEIM (AFP) - Ukrainian boxer Vladimir Klitschko on Monday dismissed Dereck Chisora his challenger for his three heavyweight world titles next Saturday declaring that he did not beat up women unlike his British opponent.

Klitschko, who holds the WBO, IBF belts as well as the lightly regarded IBO title, was referring to the fact that 26-year-old Chisora received a three-month suspended sentence in November for assaulting his ex-girlfriend after discovering messages on her answerphone from another man.

"Me, I do not beat up

women like you do," taunted Klitschko at a joint pre-fight press conference.

"Those who beat up women are losers. You do not know where one practises boxing. It is in a ring!

"As you are such a horrible person, I am going to show you the road to redemption without a title," added Klitschko, whose brother Vitali holds the WBC title.

Chisora turned professional in 2007 and has won all his 14 bouts, seven within the distance.

Should he win he would be Great Britain's second world titleholder - David Haye holds the WBA belt.

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Steelers beat Ravens by a nose

BALTIMORE (AFP) - Ben Roethlisberger shrugged off a broken nose and flipped a 9-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Redman to give Pittsburgh a 13-10 victory over Baltimore in a key NFL matchup on Sunday.

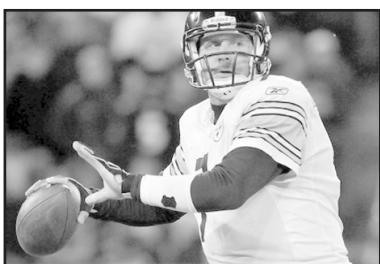
Redman caught the pass over the middle and broke two tackle attempts to reach the end zone with 2:51 remaining, giving the Steelers the deciding points in the showdown of AFC North division co-leaders.

Roethlisberger, fighting off a sprained right foot coming into the game, suffered a broken nose in the opening minutes but came away a winner with some help from Pittsburgh's defense.

"Some big arm got in there and hit me and broke my nose," Roethlisberger said. "This whole team is about fighting. We do that from start to finish."

The Steelers improved to 9-3 to seize sole possession of the division lead while the Ravens, who won in Pittsburgh in October, slipped to 8-4.

Atlanta, Jacksonville and Chicago each won to retain their division leads while reigning Super Bowl champions New Orleans won, as did Green Bay, both boosting



Ben Roethlisberger their bids for wild-card play-off berths.

Atlanta beat Tampa Bay 28-24, stretching the Falcons' winning streak to six games.

One club figures to match the Falcons for the NFL's best record when the New England Patriots and New York Jets, both 9-2, meet tonight.

Drew Brees completed 24-of-29 passes for 313 yards and two touchdowns to give New Orleans a 34-30 victory at Cincinnati, the Saints' fifth victory in a row to reach 9-3 and stay one game behind the Falcons in the NFC South.

Brees flipped a 3-yard touchdown pass to Marques Colston for the winning touchdown in the dying seconds to deny an upset bid by the 2-10 Bengals.

Maurice Jones-Drew ran for 186 yards while Rashad Jennings and quarterback David Garrard each had a touchdown run in Jacksonville's 17-6 victory at Tennessee, a triumph that put the

Jaguars atop the AFC South division at 7-5.

Peyton Manning had two interceptions returned for touchdowns and another of his four pickoffs set the stage for David Buehler's game-winning 38-yard field goal that gave Dallas a 38-35 overtime triumph at Indianapolis.

The Colts suffered their third loss in a row and fell to 6-6, a game behind Jacksonville, while the Cowboys rose to 4-8 with a third win under interim coach Jason Garrett.

Jay Cutler threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Manumaleuna with 8:39 to play to give Chicago a 24-20 victory at Detroit, keeping the Bears atop the NFC North at 9-3 even after Green Bay kept pace by beating San Francisco 34-16.

Aaron Rodgers completed 21-of-30 passes for 298 yards and three touchdowns to spark Green Bay, 8-4.

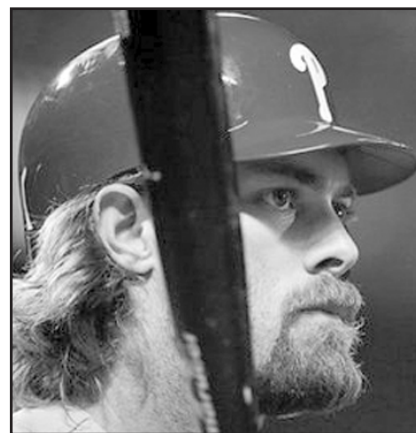
Brandon Jacobs ran for 103 yards and two touchdowns while Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 97 yards and two touchdowns to lead the New York Giants past Washington 31-7. The Giants improved to 8-4 to match Philadelphia atop the NFC East.

Brett Favre, Minnesota's 41-year-old quarterback, made his NFL record 297th consecutive start but was knocked out of the game on his first throw, suffering a sprained right shoulder on a hit by Buffalo's Arthur Moats.

But replacement Tarvaris Jackson threw for 187 yards and two touchdowns with three interceptions in Minnesota's 38-14 victory over the Bills.

Seattle and St. Louis stayed even atop the NFC West, Seattle beating Carolina 31-14 and the Rams downing Arizona 19-6, while the Kansas City Chiefs stretched their lead to two games at the top of the AFC West, beating Denver 10-6 while San Diego

Nationals spend big, get their money's Werth



Jayson Werth

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Jayson Werth, who helped Philadelphia win the 2008 World Series, agreed on Sunday to a seven-year Major League Baseball contract worth 126 million dollars with the Washington Nationals.

The 31-year-old free agent outfielder batted .296 with 27 home runs, 85 runs batted in and a National League-best 46 doubles this year with the Phillies, who won the NL East division crown in all

four of his seasons on the team.

By contrast, the Nationals went 69-93 and have not managed a winning season since 2003 when they were based in Montreal.

"He's going to be a big piece of the puzzle," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "We certainly have more holes to fill. We had more work to do, and we're certainly aggressively going on from here and beyond."

Washington lost slugger Adam Dunn to the Chicago White Sox on Friday but replaced his big bat in their lineup with Werth, who spent two seasons each with Toronto and the Los Angeles Dodgers before joining the Phillies.

Nationals manager Jim Riggleman was an assistant coach for the Dodgers during Werth's time in Los Angeles and Werth's uncle was a former teammate of Rizzo.

India plan early net sessions in South Africa

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India's cricketers will depart from normal routine and arrive in South Africa in batches in order to acclimatise ahead of their much-anticipated Test series.

India are due to play the first Test in Centurion from December 16, just six days after the final one-day international against New Zealand ends in Chennai on December 10.

With no practice match pencilled in, India's South African coach Gary Kirsten hit upon a novel idea to ensure his players get used to the conditions before the series began.

A majority of the 17-man squad, who were rested for the New Zealand one-dayers, will reach South Africa this

week to prepare for the three-match series that pits top-ranked India against the number two hosts.

India, fielding an under-strength team for the New Zealand one-dayers, enjoy an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series with stand-in captain Gautam Gambhir hitting two centuries.

The three Tests in Centurion (December 16-20), Durban (Dec 26-30) and Cape Town (January 2-6) will be followed by a Twenty20 match and five one-day internationals.

The Indians will return from South Africa on January 24, less than a month before their first World Cup match against Bangladesh in Dhaka on February 19.

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McDowell beats Woods for World Challenge title

THOUSAND OAKS, California (AFP) — US Open champion Graeme McDowell has delivered two stunning putts to punctuate his dream season with a playoff triumph over Tiger Woods at the World Challenge.

Northern Ireland's McDowell on Sunday denied the 14-time major champion a

lone tournament title in a 2010 season marked by personal turmoil off the course and struggles with a swing change on the course.

Woods, who had let slip a four-shot lead, appeared poised to seize the victory at the 72nd hole when he put his approach shot three feet from the pin.

But McDowell drained his own 20-footer for birdie to send the unofficial event hosted by Woods to a playoff.

"They were the stuff of dreams - 2010 has been the stuff of dreams, really," McDowell said.

McDowell's triumph left Woods without a victory since the 2009 Australian Masters.



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Paternity test for Brazil's star Ronaldo

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Star Brazilian footballer Ronaldo said on Monday on his Twitter feed that he is undergoing a DNA test to determine whether he is the father of a five-year-old boy living in Singapore.

"Life is full of surprises. After the sadness over yesterday's game (when his Corinthians team lost out to Fluminense in the Brazilian title race), today I got to know Alex, a beautiful, polite and healthy boy," the 34-year-old player wrote.

"Now we are waiting for the results of the test and will take on the responsibilities and pleasures that the results give us."

The mother of Alex, Michele Umezu, has been try-

ing since 2009 to have Ronaldo recognised as the father and is demanding child support.

She says she met Ronaldo at a party in Tokyo in 2002 celebrating Brazil's success at that year's World Cup.

Ronaldo, she says, returned to Tokyo in 2004 during a tour of Real Madrid, for whom he was then playing. She said she became pregnant by him at that time.

Reports said Michele Umezu was a 28-year-old Brazilian living in Singapore.

Ronaldo, nicknamed 'Fenomeno', already has three children: a 10-year-old son with his ex, and two younger daughters, one aged one and the other eight months, with his current wife, Bia Anthony.



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